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1. SCICONS MET WITH KRIVENKO AND SIPKO OF GOSSTROY JANUARY 10 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING VISIT BY L. WAYNE GERTMENIAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF US SIDE OF JOINT US-USSR COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION.

2. SOVIET SIDE IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE GERTMENIAN ON JANUARY 25 FOR TWO TO THREE DAYS OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN FEBRUARY. FOLLOWING MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS, GERTMENIAN WILL VISIT GOLDEN RING TOWNS AND CAUCASUS. SOVIET SIDE REQUESTS IT BE INFORMED OF NAMES AND TITLES OF THOSE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY GERTMENIAN AND SPECIFIC ARRIVAL TIME AND FLIGHT NUMBER FOR ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW ASAP. SOVIETS ASSUMING US DELEGATION WILL PAY OWN EXPENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF AGREEMENT. TOTAL LENGTH OF GERTMENIAN VISIT WILL BE TEN TO TWELVE DAYS.

3. SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IS G.D. TROITSKIY, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF GOSSTROY.

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4. SOVIET SIDE REQUESTS IT BE ADVISED OF COMPOSITION OF US

MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. KRIVENKO STATED THAT SOVIET SIDE AGREES TO HOLDING FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

6. KRIVENKO PROVIDED FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY LIST OF COOPERATIVE TOPICS WHICH HE ANTICIPATES WILL BE CONSIDERED BY US EXPERTS PRIOR TO GERTMENIAN'S ARRIVAL AND WHICH GERTMENIAN SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS DURING MOSCOW VISIT:

A. IMPROVEMENT OF THE DESIGN AND BUILDING METHODS OF RESIDENTIAL, PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, FOR DIFFERENT CLIMATES, INCLUDING MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION;

B. ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES TO BE ERECTED IN SEISMIC AREAS;

C. IMPROVEMENT AND COORDINATION OF BASIS PRINCIPLES OF THE ELABORATION AND APPLICATION OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION NORMS AND STANDARDS;

D. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF EFFICIENT LOAD-BEARING STRUCTURES AND ENCLOSING COMPONENTS IN HOUSING CIVIL, AND INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION;

E. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRODUCTION OF NEW AND TRADITIONAL BUILDING MATERIALS USED IN HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING NEW METHODS OF RESEARCH, TESTING AND QUALITY CONTROL;

F. DEVELOPMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES OF COMPREHENSIVE MECHANIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND ASSEMBLY WORKS, INCLUDING THE REALIZATION OF JOINT PROJECTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFICIENT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, COMPRISING THOSE TO BE USED UNDER VERY LOW TEMPERATURES;

G. PLANNING, DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TOWNS.

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